

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please replace the Abstract of the Invention with the following Replacement Abstract:

ABSTRACT

~~The present invention provides a knitting method for knitting a knitted fabric having gores that can allow smooth and comfortable movement of one's body and further provide an eye-pleasing appearance.~~

~~_____~~ The present invention is directed to a A knitted fabric joining method is provided wherein at least two tubular knitted fabrics are knitted and then those tubular knitted fabrics are overlapped with and joined to each other in such a manner that a joining region of a front knitted fabric part is different in number of wales from a joining region of a back knitted fabric part. Before the start of joining, in the joining region of the front knitted fabric part and the joining region of the back knitted fabric part which are arranged on the opposed needle beds, loops in the joining region of a large gore and loops in the joining region of a small gore are situated in the joining regions containing needles in equal number, respectively, and the loops in the joining region of the one gore are held on an every two or three needle basis and the loops in the joining region of the other gore are held on an every needle basis so that both ends of the one joining region and both ends of the other joining region can substantially correspond in position to each other. Thereafter, the loops of the tubular knitted fabrics are subjected to the bind-off process, while being overlapped with each other, thereby forming a gore at the joining portion of the tubular knitted fabrics.